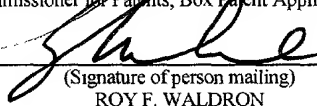


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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to include priority data as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. This amendment adds no new matter to the present application. A favorable response is earnestly solicited.

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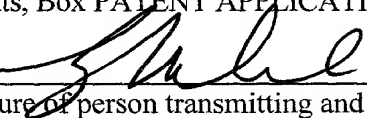
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